

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

Executive Director

FROM

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SUBJECT

: Draft Space Station Report, dated 4 August 1983

1. The report should provide a more carefully developed Option 3. This option should address the variety of program alternatives for development of STS capabilities and focus on laying out a program that incorporates those capabilities that best satisfy the range of civil and national security needs. Further development of these needs should also be addressed, as the Community studies have not addressed needs other than those specifically for a manned presence in space. (S/TK)

2. Option 2 would be supportable based on the needs studies to date except for our perception that options more appropriate to those Community needs may very well exist. We believe that focusing on this particular option results more from a desire for positive action than from a considered approach to space exploitation. (S/TK)

3. In summary, we support an approach, such as Option 3, that would provide additional alternative studies and requirements. Based on the lack of identified requirements for a manned space station as an intelligence collection platform, Option 1 (commit now to a permanently manned civil space station) is unsupportable. (S/TK)

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